

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings and versions of claims in this application.

1-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A composition for oral or enteral administration comprising one or more viscous soluble fiber(s) and one or more viscosity-lowering protein(s), wherein said one or more viscous soluble fiber(s) is selected from the group consisting of agar, alginates, carubin, pectin, beta-glucan, carrageenan, furcellaran, arabinogalactan, pectin and its derivatives, cellulose and its derivatives, scleroglucan, psyllium and gums; and

said one or more viscosity-lowering protein(s) is moderately hydrolyzed and is selected from the group consisting of wheat protein, egg protein, collagen, whey protein, casein, soy protein, pea protein, muscle protein, gluten, fibrillar protein, silk protein and combinations thereof;

wherein said one or more viscosity-lowering protein(s) is present in an amount to lower the viscosity of viscous soluble fibers in the composition to less than about 500 mPas at room temperature such that the composition is less viscous than the same composition in which the viscosity-lowering protein is absent to facilitate administration thereof, and wherein the composition does not comprise inulin.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 22, wherein the weight ratio of said fiber to said protein is from about 0.01:1 to about 20:1.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of claims 22, wherein the weight of said viscous soluble fiber(s) is about 1% to about 10% by weight of the total weight of the composition.